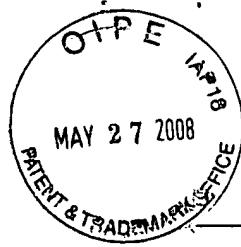


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**RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 25, 2008 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT
APPLICATION NO. 10/501,273**

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This responds to the February 25, 2008 Office Action in the above-identified application. The time for responding to the Office Action without extension was set at three months, or Sunday, May 25, 2008. As the last day for responding to the Office Action is a Sunday, and Monday, May 26, 2008 was the Federal holiday Memorial Day, this Response to the February 25, 2008 Office Action in the above-identified application is hereby timely filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7 on May 27, 2008, which is the next succeeding business day following a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia.

Please amend the specification of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Specification)**, beginning on page 3 hereof.

Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section II (Amendments to the Claims)**, beginning on page 5 hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments to the claims and the substance of the February 25, 2008 Office Action are set out in **Section III (Remarks)**, beginning on page 9 hereof.